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## **5/2/2007 Minutes**

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

May 2, 2007

Approved June 6, 2007

Present: Ann LeRoyer (Chair), Teresa DeBenedictis, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, Patsy Kraemer, Leslie Mayer, David White, and consultant Ralph Willmer.

Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were accepted with one spelling correction: Ralph Willmer (not Wilmer).

New Member: Jane Auger has agreed to join the Open Space Committee and will soon meet with the Town Manager as required before being formally appointed.

Discussion of Open Space Plan:

· Suggested date for the next public meeting is Wednesday, June 13.  
The draft of the revised plan should be ready for that meeting.  
At the meeting we should present facts like lists of open spaces and recreational needs, and discuss the proposed five-year action plan.  
The list of goals should include taking advantage of the state Self-Help and Urban Self-Help grants, which are for funding open space acquisition and recreational facilities respectively. · These grants require having an approved Open Space Plan. We can submit an application (deadline: July 31) supported by our draft plan, but we won't get any grants until the revised plan has been approved by the state.  
The Selectmen and Planning Department have already discussed applying for help with acquiring Elizabeth Island, and with stormwater treatment work involved in park and playground renovations. Park & Rec has identified Stratton, the Summer Street playground, and Wellington Park on Grove Street as its next priorities. · The draft revision of the table of open spaces in section 5 of the plan was reviewed. There are some questions about ownership of or multiple jurisdiction over a few parcels.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Karpati